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Name, 1st door south of the Decatur
Court House, Novak's Office.

DRNEY-AT-LAW.
East Main street, Decatur, Ill.
Attention to civil business.
Aug 21-22.

W. HAINES
POSTER DISTRIBUTOR.

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An Inquiry at the REFORMER
KREITZ.

TORNEY-AT-LAW,
Second corner of the Old Square, in
formerly occupied by S. G. Madison,
C. Armstrong's Drug Store.

S. MILLIS,
Joseph M. Clancy, Isaac H. Miller,
S & Counselors-at-Law.
the Decatur National Bank, Specia
to matters in Probate and Chan
Ill., Sept 24, 1881-d&wif.

D. L. Bunn, Edwin Park

TORNEY-AT-LAW,
West Main Street, up stairs, above

CKINGHAM,

TORNEY-AT-LAW,
Hildebrandt's Drug Store, Decatur
April 18-19.

E. K. SHIRLEY, Blue Mound, Ill.

TORNEY-AT-LAW.
Attention given to all kinds of collec
to loan on real estate.

M. MITCHELL.

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS.
Attention to Commercial business
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Dr. A. J. Stover's Drug Store.

J. WALTER.

DENTIST

Barber & Co's Shoe Store, East Main
Street, No. 6 North Main Street,
Decatur, Ill.

T. T. SUMMERS.

TORNEY AT LAW

—AND—
TARY PUBLIC.
On South Water street, one door
from the Post Office, where the Church
of the Poor, July 1-2.

ATT CLINTON.

TORNEY AT LAW,
—AND—

itor in Chancery

10 Water street, Decatur, Ill.
State funds to loan on farm lands.

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ent, Test and Business Medium.
hours from 9 o'clock A. M. to P.
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Decatur, Illinois

BROWN.

TORNEY-AT-LAW,
in Chancery for Macon county
and Surveys' dry goods
from Court House staircase

July 1881-d&wif.

J. LANE.

DENTIST.

er Peacock & Burrows' Bank.

Illinois April 1881-d&wif.

T. FASCO.

Torrey at Law,

In Chancery and Notary Public.

Mortgages, Wills, Contracts, and all
legal instruments written and abstracted.

Attorneys taken and Abstracts

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the solvent law. Collections made in

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S. R. HAMMERS, J. R. MORSE,
HAMILTON & MOSSER, Publishers
Decatur, Illinois.

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TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 22, 1861.

Our Democratic neighbor quotes from the *EXCELSIOR* a few lines with reference to the campaign of slander and sith carried on by the Democrats last year, but does not reproduce from the same article our allusions to "chart marks and forged letters." Well, probably those particular features of the campaign might be rather unpleasant subjects to refer to.

MR. GRINNELL, the American consul at Bremen, reports to Secretary Blaine that during the first six months of the present year 1,200,000 bushels of American corn had been imported into Germany. Mr. Grinnell says that a much larger quantity will be imported during the last six months of the year, and that there is no doubt that the amount will continue to increase, as the Germans have come to recognize corn as an excellent food.

It generally takes a Democrat several days longer than anybody else to find out an item of current news, and we are therefore not surprised to observe that our Bourbon neighbor has not yet learned that the remark attributed to Mrs. Hayes, to the effect that the present campaign in Ohio would result either in an endorsement of Garfield or of Galtier, was never made by that distinguished lady. The indignation of the *Review* over a matter that has been stale news for two weeks past, is consequently all wasted. But our neighbor is not to blame for his failure to speak his mind sooner, any more than was the sailor who, after going to church for the first time in his life and hearing the story of the crucifixion, bolted off to the nearest clothing store and began to punish the Roman-nosed proprietor of the concern. Upon being remonstrated with the irate seaman asked between his fast-descending blows, "Aint you a Jew?" "Yes." "Well, didn't the Jews crucify the Savior?" "Oh, yes, but that was eighteen hundred years ago." "It don't make a bit of difference—I never heard of it till to-day."

The *Review* man is at it again, this morning, in his usual roundabout way, trying to make some sort of a point by frequent catechetical questions propounded to the REPUBLICAN through a rather unusual amount of bad spelling. We can't exactly make out what he is after, notwithstanding our intimate acquaintance with his devious manner of getting at things, but if he means by it to try to make the ghoulishness of his Quincy conferees appear as hideous to the public eye, we would suggest that he be a little more explicit in his style. In one paragraph he speaks of his Quincy associate as devoid of humanity and common decency, while in another he half-way apologizes for the indecency of Wheeler's attack by stating that the slanders which that inhuman wretch is hurling at the President's sick-bed originated with Republican newspapers. What are we to understand by this? That Wheeler was indecent, but at the same time was justified in his indecency by reason of the fact that he only repeated what somebody else said? We are not sure that our neighbor wants to be so understood, but if he does not he ought to be more explicit.

The Springfield *Journal* does not propose to lend its aid in any way, however remote, to the dissemination of false political and economic doctrines. It says, editorially:

We are offered, as an exchange, a copy of the *Free Trade Bulletin*, in payment for advertising. We don't want it, and do not want to advertise it. We have not one spark of sympathy with the free-trade principle. If we had any grudge against the American people and their institutions, we know of no better way in which to gratify it than by advising and encouraging free trade. But loving America and its institutions, we can promote its highest good in no more effectual way than by standing fast by the policy of protection which has already made it great and prosperous.

PALPITATION of the heart, nervousness, trembling, nervous headache, cold hands and feet, pain in the back, and other forms of weakness are relieved by Carter's Iron Pill, made especially for the blood, nerves and complexion. Sold by Hubbard & Swett.

The Service and Steel. The Millinery and Notions firm of Bear & Elkins, No. 50 East Main street, have just received all the very latest styles in Fall fashions, Notions and Millinery Goods, and invite the public generally to call at once and examine the fine display and learn their low prices. Call early. No trouble to show goods. 18-dwarf.

SOME STALWART STATEMENTS.

A Half the Minnesota People Have Given Up, that of Telling the Truth—Honestable Affairs of the State.

Special Correspondence of the Inter-Ocean.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 23.—My business in Minnesota this summer seems to be the correction of impressions that I recorded in the *Inter-Ocean* last summer. At that time I said Minneapolis had too much regard for the truth; that they treasured it so highly they always used it in a superlative manner. That is if they raise twenty-five bushels of wheat to acre, it would be false to say they raise but fifteen, so, in order to get as far as possible from such falsity, they may fifty bushels in an average yield. I thought at that time this was evidence of too much use of truth. I know better now. That they love truth dearly is not to be doubted; but it is because they love it so devotedly that they do not intend to wear it out with use. Truth is the Minnesotan's priceless treasure, and I cannot blame him for striving to keep it bright by refusing to carry it around with him every day. It is a sort of dress-up ornament which common use might rob of luster.

Coming from St. Paul to Minneapolis, I met with a healthy-looking man, to whom I was about to put the question: "Are you a resident of this state?"

When he said to a passing gentleman, "Good morning. How's business?"

I did not ask the unnecessary question. Had he inquired about the questioner's health, I might have had doubt, but "business" is the one thing that Minnesotans talk about, and I had my constituents located. Yet I did not know which of the two cities, St. Paul or Minneapolis, he called home. To settle this I asked which is the larger.

"Why, sir, you can stow St. Paul away in one corner of Minneapolis, and the street commissioners wouldn't notice it until the next census."

He is not a resident of St. Paul. If he were Minneapolis would have been described as a tolerable ornament for a St. Paul back yard.

I said, "They make some flour in Minneapolis, do they not?"

"No, sir, it makes itself. Minnesota wheat is so full of flour it would be useless to try to keep it shut up in the kernels. It is such vigorous flour it would get out on its own hook if it were not taken out."

"Who invents these absurd stories?" he inquired. "There is no pus in the knee joint or anywhere else, except in the wound and gland. The pus could not form and be retained without at once affecting the patient's pulse and temperature."

"Clear enough, air; clear enough," replied the healthy looking Minnesotan. "You see our railroads charge for freighting by the hundred weight. Our flour is so light that the more they put in the car the lighter the load grows. A cargo of Minnesota flour goes through for nothing, and is entitled to a draw-back at the other end of the route. As for selling cheaper in England, that is sheer enough; its buoyancy makes it desirable for ships to carry. A shipload of Minnesota flour could not sink."

"But if it should get wet?" I suggested.

"The wetter the better. A swamped shipload of our flour would sop up the Atlantic in two hours, and let the people walk across as the children of Israel crossed Minnetonka when the hosts of King Faro were after them."

"I have heard it is very life-sustaining," I added in compliment.

"Well, I should emphasize it!" and he straightened up as if to startle me, but I was beyond that. "Life sustaining! Well, I should smile in capital italics!"

There is an effort being made by the medical fraternity and the undertakers to get an injunction against its manufacture. It is fairly driving them out of business. And if the government would require vessels to carry a loaf of Minnesota bread for each passenger, we would hear of no more sea disasters because of inadequate life-preservers."

"Are you a dealer in flour?" I asked.

"Oh no; I am a clergyman. If I were a dealer in flour I could probably tell you many wonderful things about it."

"I don't want to meet a Minneapolis miller until I get tired of life."

BEN WILDE.

Galtier's Crime. This is from the Vickburg Commercial, a rigid Southern Democratic paper, and not from the *Quincy Herald*:

It is too bad that the president of the United States should die from a wound inflicted by a worthless vagabond. It is one of the most sickening phases of the calamity now pending. The death of a brave man from the bite of a dog is always as horrible to contemplate as it is to witness. In nearly all cases the dog is killed as soon as he inflicts the wound. In this case, we are sorry to say, the cur still lives.

Call at Storer's drug store and get a sample bottle of Brown's Expectorant free of charge. It cures coughs, hoarseness, whooping cough, and consumption in its early stages.

It is a specific preparation admirably adapted for the cure of all throat and lung diseases. It is pleasant to take and entirely harmless.

TRY IT. It costs you nothing. Regular size bottles 50 cents and \$1.00. For sale by Dr. A. J. Storer. July 26-dwarf

Concord Grapes.

I am prepared to furnish fresh Concord grapes at the houses of customers—Address by postal card

Aug. 29-dwarf HENRY PAYNE,

Decatur, Ill.

TELEGRAPHIC

& VISUAL IMPROVEMENT.

The President Thought to Be on the Up Grade.

What the Doctors Say About the Outlook.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30, 8:30 a.m.

The President slept a greater part of the night, awaking at intervals, and retained the liquid nourishment administered. His general condition is about the same as at this hour yesterday. Pulse 102, temperature 98.5, respiration 18.

Bliss.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30, 2 p.m. Secretary Blaine cable the following:

The President's condition has not materially changed since my last dispatch. Another incision was made this morning in the parotid gland with very satisfactory results; pus flows freely and swelling goes down.

The pulse at this hour, 2 p.m., is lower than during forenoon or yesterday, but on both days it is higher than his other good symptoms would seem to warrant. It is now 110; at noon it was 106.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Aug. 29.—In an interview at 2:23 p.m., Dr. Bliss said the president is getting along much more evenly to day than yesterday. The extreme range of his pulse since morning has not exceeded 6, and is now from 102 to 104. The pulse is also fuller and stronger in character. Yesterday, at this hour, the patient had a little fever. To-day he has none. In reply to questions with regard to the accumulation of pus in the lung, he said: "We have examined the lung every day and they have always been and are now in a perfect condition. The respiratory murmur this morning was clear and natural, and there was not a single indication of any abnormal symptom."

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CLINTON, ILL., Aug. 29.—In February, 1881, Magill Bros. of this place, shipped, via the Wabash St. Louis and Pacific railway, a large consignment of wool to Philadelphia. The wool was delivered in Philadelphia in a badly damaged condition, and the Wabash company, when applied to by Magill Bros., for compensation for the damage, refused to pay anything, claiming that the wool was caught in the Toledo flood, damaged by the act of God, and that the company was not liable.

Magill Bros., by Moore & Warner, their attorneys, of this city, commenced suit in the circuit court of this county versus the company, some time since, to test the liability of the company. To day, the issue being made up, the case was continued by consent at the costs of the railway company, in order to give time to take evidence and present all that there is in the case on both sides, when tried at the next term. As there are claims against the Wabash company amounting to several hundred thousands of dollars for damages, occasioned to property of shippers in its hands in Toledo by that flood that will be governed by the law held in this case, it is of more than ordinary importance.

DO YOU THINK HE IS A LITTLE BETTER TODAY THAN AT THE SAME HOUR YESTERDAY?

"I certainly do. His progress to day has been much more even than yesterday. The expressions of his face and the character of his pulse have further improved, and he has thus far had no fever whatever. His present condition is more favorable than at this hour yesterday."

"Do you think he is a little better today than at the same hour yesterday?"

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WASHINGTON, August 29, 10:30 p.m.—Blaine to Lowell: At 10:30 to-night the general condition of the president is favorable. Late in the afternoon his pulse rose to 112 and temperature to 100, both a little higher than the surgeons expected. The pulse has now fallen to 108 and the fever is subsiding. The parotid swelling is steadily improving and is at last diminishing in size. The apprehensions of serious blood poisoning grow less every hour.

11:30 p.m.—Dr. Bliss said to-night: "The glandular swelling looks better than I expected it would. It has perceptibly diminished in size and the pus pockets are running together. We shall probably make another incision to-morrow, and release another considerable quantity of pus ready at that time to come out. I think the gland will look a good deal better tomorrow, but of course we shall feel anxious about it for several days. The wound is doing well. It usually shows the most improvement in the morning, but is looking better than ever to-night. I do not think the president's life is now in any direct danger from the wound. We think the ball is working deeper into the cavity of the pelvis, probably toward the rectum. We base this opinion partly on the evidence of touch and partly on the patient's sensations."

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subside. Bliss reports the pulse about 108, temperature nearly or quite normal.

Midnight.—Everything about the white house is quiet at this hour. There has been no change since 10 o'clock. The Jennings apparatus was kept working until about that hour, the president having complained of the excessive heat. His temperature is reported to have decreased sensibly, and his pulse down to 108. Bliss is on watch to-night.

1:30 a.m.—Everything is quiet in the sick room. There are no indications of any unusual change in the patient's condition. The physicians are doing and the household have retired.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—The *Evening Post*'s Washington special says: "As hope returns, more is learned in detail of the terrible anxiety of last Friday. It appears that the surgeons, after the alarming symptoms of the morning, decided it was useless longer to continue the struggle, and two of their number were selected to wait upon Mrs. Garfield and to inform her that medical science could do no more, and that she must prepare for the worst. The interview which occurred between these surgeons and Mrs. Garfield will, if reported to be true, be regarded as one of the most dramatic incidents in this extraordinary case. Captain Henry, the marshal of this District, a friend of the president and his family, says that Mrs. Garfield heard the news, and smothering her emotion, rose and said:

"Gentlemen, you shall not give him up! He is not going to die. He is going to live. I feel, I know it. Go back to your post, and leave it not until every remedy is exhausted, until death itself has set its seal upon him, for we will not believe that he is dying. Go back and do what you can. You cannot do more, but don't you give up. I am his wife, and I say that we will not give up until the end itself is upon us."

Mrs. Garfield has never surrendered more than a moment or two at times to her grief, and then has retired to her room, and after a brief absence, has returned to her post of duty at the president's bedside.

The late gain in the president's condition is apparent in four important symptoms, the pulse is slower and stronger, the stomach works better; the inflamed gland is throwing off its disturbing contents, and the original injury is again resuming its healing processes. In a word, the president has successfully passed another crisis.

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CITY DEPARTMENT.

REFRIGERATORS, an elegant assortment, very cheap to make room for other goods at E.D. Barnum & Co.

90 ft. shade to-day.

"Will you let me sing?"

Tunica was plenty of wind and dust yesterday.

The third story improvement at the Palace Hotel is assuming shape. Lively, is the word.

Pomacorr's celebrated organs sell rapidly. Several went out in the country yesterday in farmers' wagons.

Laces and embroideries in large variety, at the Cigar Store.

Young men's meeting at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 7:45. An earnest invitation is extended to members and young men to be present.

Hundreds of Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars are sold in Decatur every day.

The third advertising brigade in the interest of Barnum's great show was in Decatur to-day lithographing the city.

The purest drugs and the sweetest perfume at W. C. Armstrong's.

The blood runs will take place at Quincy to-morrow. Some bets are being made that Eldorado No. 2 will win first or second place.

Call at Bachman's, south side city park, for the best and cheapest furniture in the city—a bargain in every article.

Aug 15-dif.

"All the Rage," with Miss Laura E. Dainty as one of the leading characters, at the open house the night before Barnum strikes Decatur.

WANTED—A good girl, at 14 E. Wood street. J. M. CLOKEY.

Aug 29-dif

The Tony Pastor parade last evening was a tidy affair. Five carriages containing Tony and members of the troupe followed the band wagon through the principal streets of the city.

There ever was a specific for any one complaint, then Carter's Little Liver Pills are a specific for sick headache, and every woman should know this. Only one pill a dose. Sold by Hubbard & Swearingen. 24

Cigar dealers in grain options in the Chicago Exchange are said to be several hundred thousand dollars ahead in their speculations within the last few weeks. No report as yet as to how Decatur dealers stand, but it is understood that most of them are ahead a few thousand.

Ngus reached Decatur on Monday evening of the death of Hardin Conover at his home at Haworth in the 33d year of his age. The deceased was affected with consumption.

If you have any copying to do take it to T. Grier's Gallery, No. 26 Water street. Price as low as any gallery. (marble)

On Monday next George Berhardt and Lincoln Higgins, the alleged horse thieves, will have a preliminary hearing before Justice McGovern.

Dat Goods, a job lot, very cheap, at Linn & Scruggs'. 8-dif

A YOUNG man named Henry Rall, a painter by occupation, is charged with having stolen a coat valued at \$25, and about \$5 in jewelry and cash, from his room-mate, Cambria Wallet, an employee at the furniture factory. Rall is still at large.

Mistresses, lawyers and all those doing clerical work should use Dr. Marshall's Bromoline; it is a great invigorator. All druggists sell it. Price 50 cents. 27

DANVILLE has had since an epidemic of diphtheria, and many families have removed their children from the city, but the disease is thought to have almost abated.

We wish every person to try a Big Fifty-Cent bottle of Dr. Marshall's Bromoline for liver complaints and general debility. It is good. Druggists all sell it. 27

THE Bloomington saloon keeper, Geo. Hale, tried at Clinton, was found guilty five counts for selling whisky illegally, and fined \$250 and costs, a total of \$750. The grand jury found 204 counts against him in all!

Those unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and dyspepsia should use Carter's Little Nerve Pills, which are made expressly for sleepless, nervous, dyspeptic sufferers. Price 25 cents. Sold by Hubbard & Swearingen. 24

WEIGHT MUSIC ALMOST NEVER AWAY. Book at our office. All vocal music at 15 cents each.

INSTRUMENTAL.

20 cent pieces for 10 cents.

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Don't pay fancy prices any longer.

Aug 13-dif w/w J. T. HAND & CO.

CORSETS.

By the thousand, from 40c to \$1.50, comprising every make and quality. We buy all our corsets by case lots direct from the manufacturers, and can safely say that we offer the most complete assortment of corsets of any house in this section, and offer the best corsets for the least money of any house in Decatur.

Bir 18 3-dif w/w Cigar Store.

27-dif w/w

GENTLEMEN!

Get out your Winter Clothing and S. M. Tucker will put them in good order for you. He understands his business. South side Park, under Roach & McKey's dry goods store. 27-dif w/w

A CONTROVERSY SETTLED.

A Legal Quarrel Between Two Counties Decided.

An Opinion That Will be Read With Interest.

The following of special interest to the Republican's readers in this city and county appeared in the Springfield Journal of to-day:

The long pending controversy between Christian and Macon counties in regard to jury fees was settled by Judge Zane yesterday in favor of Christian county. In 1875 Newt Crafton killed a man named Ebenezer Duff, at Taylorville, for which crime he was indicted. The murder was committed in a fit of drunken rage, and was wholly unpreserved. There was considerable feeling against Crafton in Christian county, and after he was indicted he took a change of venue to Macon county. Crafton was found guilty, and was granted a new trial, but entered a plea of guilty at the next term, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Macon county presented an enormous bill of costs against Christian county, two items of which were held to be illegal by the latter county. The case was submitted to Judge Zane upon stipulations of the parties, and his opinion, rendered yesterday, is given below:

The state case against E. B. Eicholtz, charged with violating the fish law in using a seine whose meshes were larger than those stipulated by law, came up for trial before Justice Curtis this (Tuesday) forenoon. There being no witnesses or

other person present to prosecute the defendant, the case was dismissed and Eicholtz was discharged.

The Grand Lodge of the I. O. G. T. will meet in Springfield on Sept. 14, 15, and 16. About 200 delegates are expected from all parts of the state. There

will be one or more public mass meetings to be addressed by eloquent speakers. Decatur Lodge, No. 304, will be represented.

In last Sunday's edition of the Chicago Times there appeared a long and well written letter from Callao, Peru, from the pen of Mrs. Nellie Johns Moore, formerly of this city. It occupies two-and-a-half columns. Other interesting letters from Mrs. Moore will occasionally appear in the Times.

An examination will be held at the high school building, commencing at 9 o'clock on Thursday next, for admission of pupils not previously examined. The public schools will re-open on Monday next.

ARTISTS all the bluster and blow of yesterday and last night, only a few drops of rain fell in this region this morning,—just enough to speckle the pavements, and no more.

ABOUT 50 Litchfield firemen, members of Hose Companies No. 1 and 2, arrived in Decatur this noon, and will leave for Quincy this afternoon in company with Decatur's Eldorado hose team.

TO-MORROW evening there will be a great desire among Decatur people to hear the result of the hose and hook and ladder contests at Quincy.

Gone to Quincy.

At 8:30 this morning the Decatur firemen, accompanied by the Decatur Band, boarded a Wabash train and started for Quincy to attend the annual tournament of the Illinois State Firemen's Association. Below is the regular programme of exercises for to-morrow and next day:

WEDNESDAY.

Parade at 9 a.m.; State Hook and Ladder race, first prize, \$200 and state belt; second prize, \$100; third prize, \$50. State Hose race, first prize, \$200 and belt; second prize, \$100; third prize, \$50.

THURSDAY.

Hand engines, first prize \$200, second prize, \$100. Chemical engines, first prize, \$50. Steamers, first prize, \$125; second prize, \$75. One-half mile foot race, first prize, \$20; second prize, \$10. One hundred yards fat man's prize, \$20.

Trial of couplers, run 50 feet, break coupling and put in pipe, prize \$20 and plated play-pipe and coupling. Trial of climbing, run 50 feet and climb 30 feet standing ladder, prize \$20.

The Decatur boys have gone to the tournament determined to carry off everything that is hung up for them to win. They are in good trim, and they will be victorious again unless perchance they meet with an accident. The runs will be made on one of the streets of Quincy. The tournament will close on Thursday evening.

The Tony Pastor Troupe.

Just as everybody expected, the Tony Pastor specialty troupe, which appeared before the footlights, last evening, was greeted by a very large and perfectly delighted audience. The people of Decatur know Tony and they have learnt that he always gives a good show. His programme last evening included attractive numbers, and 20 talented variety artists, and each and every one is a star. The entertainment from beginning to end was a big hit—a rare feast of fun and music. The troupe will appear at Springfield to-night.

A Tin Wedding.

The 18th wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Nelson was appropriately celebrated last evening at their cozy home on North Main street. Quite a large number of friends participated in the joyous affair, and the presents were numerous, neat and appropriate.

The Coming Event.

The next attraction at the opera house will be the brilliant young American tragedienne, Harrietst Vader, supported by the favorite actor, Mr. Frank Roche, and a superior company, under the management of Mr. W. V. Canning. This company is playing at Hooley's Theatre, Chicago, this week, and will come direct from there here.

Just in.

A new and very handsome line of Lace Collars. Cigar Store, Aug 30-dif w/w 18 Merchant St.

A Bridge on Fire.

Last night at about ten o'clock that long wooden bridge which spans Sand Creek a short distance southeast of the Illinois Midland junction on the Midland road, was discovered to be on fire by the conductor of a wild freight train, which was stopped before it reached the burning structure. The bridge burnt considerably in three places. Two railroad locomotives were summoned to the scene, and by throwing water from the tanks the progress of the fire was checked and subsequently extinguished. Headquarters were immediately notified by Operator Newell in charge of the Junction telegraph office. Freight trains going each way are hindered in their progress, but by transferring passengers at the burnt bridge passenger trains make regular trips. It will probably take the men all of to-day to make necessary repairs. There used to be a watchman at this bridge, but there has been none there for a long time past. The bridge was set on fire by sparks from a passing locomotive, and as the wood is as dry as tinder, it burnt very easily.

A GOOD Match.

There is no sure thing that the Second Brigade Encampment will be held at Bloomington commencing on Sept. 5th. It may prove a failure. The Springfield Monitor of to-day says quite a number of the companies belonging to the brigade do not reside on trunk lines leading direct to Bloomington, and will have to be transported, in some cases, a distance of twenty and thirty miles before connections are made with the roads agreeing to furnish the boys a free ride, and the smaller roads are not upon the enroute to such an extent as to pass them free. To get these out of the way companies into Bloomington will necessitate an expenditure of about \$900, and in raising this amount, the committee have met with but little success. Governor Cullom has said that he can allow the Second Brigade but \$800 for subsistence. It takes about \$3000.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Manager Haines is in Quincy with the Decatur band. He will not parade with the "Bazoo" blowers at this tournament. Everett and Fred Brown have gone to Chicago to spend a week or more with their brother Warren and friends.

Mrs. John Ulrich returned home yesterday morning, after a protracted and pleasant visit with friends at Marquette, Michigan.

Rev. Joseph Dobson, of Tennessee, has been conducting an interesting series of meetings for the last ten days at the C. P. church in Mt. Zion. The meetings will probably be continued through the week.

We couldn't account for Ald. Hardy's happy smiles and cordial greetings manifested yesterday until this morning, when we were informed that a little new-comer has made her appearance at his domicile. Congratulations are now in order.

Hun and Mrs. W. T. Moffett, of Blue Mound, and the Misses Hattie and Minnie Kellogg, of Grinnell, Iowa, who have been the guests of the senator and family, were registered at the St. Nicholas to-day. The Misses Kellogg will leave for home this afternoon.

Benjamin Pease's Death.

The information reached us to-day that on Monday evening, while Mr. Benjamin Pease was in one of his fields near Oakley, endeavoring to beat out a fire then raging among the dried grass and weeds, he became overcome by the heat, and was found lying upon the burnt district in a partially suffocated condition. He died soon afterward. Deceased was past 80 years of age, and had lived in this county for many years.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

The annual teachers' meeting will be held next Saturday at the usual place of meeting. Officers are to be elected for the ensuing year, and business of importance is to be transacted. Let there be a full attendance.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

As announced last January the regular second grade examination will be held on Friday, Sept. 2, 1881. Come early, and bring stamp for report.

DEFENDANT DISCHARGED.

After a long and tedious trial in Justice Albert's court yesterday, last evening William Leake and Emma Burrows, who were charged with adultery, were discharged, the evidence being deemed insufficient to warrant the justice in holding the parties for trial at the December term of court. The complaining witness was Leake's wife, who came here from Dixon to prosecute the case, certified to the statement of the clerk, verified by him. The court held that the plaintiff was not compelled to present her claim in pursuance of section 32, as it is to the defendant to establish facts, and that the case was dismissed by that Board, no bar to a recovery in the case.

The court finds for the plaintiff the sum of \$120.70.

A Battery Armory.

Most of our readers will remember the fine appearance which Battery A., of Danville, made in Decatur in October last, when they were here to help recruit Gen. Grant. It is one of the leading batteries in the west. The following from the Chicago Inter-Ocean will be read with interest by the Decatur friends of the battery: "If our metropolitan commands don't look out they will be outstripped in every way by that live little battery at Danville. Battery A. last Friday had 70 per cent. present at drill. The command recently purchased a lot, and in a few days will break ground in the commencement of an armory building 57x190 feet. The armory will be built of brick, with a truss roof, and will cost about \$6,000. It will be the first armory in the state built and owned, ground and all, by a military company."

ATTACHMENT, Boston Guards.

HEADQUARTERS BOSTON GUARDS, DECATUR, Ill., Aug. 29, 1881.

You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting at your armory on Wednesday evening, Aug. 31st, at 8 o'clock sharp, to complete arrangements for attending the encampment of the 2d brigade at Bloomington. Every member will report on time. By order,

W. W. FORREST, Capt. O.O.S., Co. C, 3d Regt. Ill. N. G.

Wanted.

An experienced sales-lady, to take charge of the hosiery, corset and fancy goods department. None but those having had actual experience need apply. Reference required. P. O. Lock Box 357, City. Just 8 d/dif w/w

THE CIRCUS OF CIRCUSES.

Barnum's Great London Attraction—An Avalanche of Rare Amusements, Sept. 10th.

For some weeks it has been generally understood that this colossal combination of the two most popular shows in the country was to exhibit here some time during the season, but the date has never been accurately announced until now.—The agents have been here with their tons of richly colored paper and gorgeously illustrated lithographs, and Barnum will come with his shows on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The illustrated advertisements in the newspapers give evidence of the fact that Barnum and his busy partners have much in store that is new and wonderful for all amusement lovers hereabout.

The business of the great show—the expenses of which are two-fold greater than any previous year, because the two are now harmoniously united and not travelling separate as of old—has been enormous and beyond all anticipation. The tents have been no less than three times enlarged, and yet it is almost impossible to get all inside who clamor for admission.

Lesser shows (and all are manifestly of smaller magnitude) have generally avoided its route for the good reason that the double show is too much for them.

The people wait all along the line, and we do not wonder at it. In New York half a million people attended the exhibition in two weeks, and the Herald and Sun and the balance of the metropolitan press pronounced it the grandest and most stupendous venture of the Showman-Autocrat.

In Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Brooklyn, Boston, and in the great manufacturing cities of the East, the success was even more pronounced, and the papers which come to our office every day are still heartier in praise.

Barnum's Museum, the only one, by the way, on the road, embraces such rare illustrations of nature's curious freaks as Chang, the Chinese giant, undoubtedly the tallest man in the world; the popular Gen. Tom Thumb and wife; the seven giant wonders, and no end of living interesting objects.

The circus acts are of such a multitudinous character that three rings are required, in which appear the best talent to be found in the world—notably, Miss Elsie Dockrill, Frank Gardner, and two hundred others of world-wide repute.

The menagerie boasts twenty elephants, a score of camels, four giraffes, and about every wild beast, bird and reptile mentioned in natural history.

But to enumerate all the attractions with two newspaper pages of closely set type is impossible.

Read the bills glaring at you from the walls, the programmes in every house and store, and see the great above itself for incontrovertible proof that Barnum and his partners never advertise an act, feature or curiosity which they fail to exhibit.

